

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 were in this case. In response to a Restriction Requirement dated December 21, 2005, Applicants elected prosecution of the claims of Group 1 (Claims 1-13) with traverse. This submission responds to a subsequent requirement for election of species within Group I. This submission includes an amendment. To facilitate amendment, claims 1-13 (Group I) have been cancelled and the subject matter of these claims is rewritten as new claims 29-60. Claims 14 and 24 are withdrawn, in view of the restriction, but have been retained and have been amended to improve clarity. Claims 15-23 and 25-28 were withdrawn in view of the restriction and have now been cancelled.

Amendment of the Claims

Claims 14 and 24 are withdrawn, but have been amended to improve their clarity by correcting typographic and clerical errors, deleting redundant phrases, deleting the word "about" in reference to numbers of carbon atoms, and deleting statements of preference or reference to exemplary species. A list of optional substituents for all optionally substituted groups has been added which is fully supported by the original claims and by the specification at page 10, lines 1-16.

The subject matter of Group I claims 1-13 has been rewritten as claims 29-60. New claim 29 generally corresponds to original claim 1. Recitations from claim 1 have been amended to improve clarity, remove redundancies, delete statements of preference or reference to exemplary species and to clarify optional substituents as noted above for claims 14 and 24.

The subject matter of original claim 2 is at least in part retained in new claim 30.

New claims 31-33 are supported by original claims 4-6.

New claims 34, 41 and 42 are supported in the specification on pages 14 and 15.

New claim 35 is supported by original claim 7, new claims 37 and 38 are supported by original claim 9. New claim 36 is supported by recitations in original claim 29. New claim 39 is supported by original claim 10. New claim 40 is supported by recitations in original claims 2 and 3.

New claim 43 is supported by original claim 29 and the formula therein with specific definitions of integers a-e and W which are disclosed in the specification.

New claims 44-48 and 51-54 are supported by recitations in the original claims.

New claims 49, 50 and 55-57 are supported in the specification at page 9 in the discussion of para-substituents and the further discussion on page 10 of optional substitution.

New claims 58-60 correspond to original claims 11-13.

The claim amendments do not add new matter to the specification. Applicants note that all of claims 29-60 read on the previous election of Group I claims.

Requirement for Election of Species

The Examiner has required an election of a single disclosed species within the claims of Group I. Applicants elect the species of claim 29 wherein:

W is $>\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$, e is 1, a and d are 1, c and b are 3 (the specific ring structure of claim 43); and

wherein X and Y are para-substituted phenyl groups, linked to the triaza macrocycle via an $-\text{SO}_2$ linker; and if required Applicants elect para-substitution with an alkoxy group (specifically an alkoxy group having 1 carbon, i.e., a methoxy group); and

wherein Z is a benzyl group.

Applicants believe that all of claims 29-60 read on the elected species.

Applicants make this election with traverse because it is believed that the application contains generic claims that are allowable which serve as a proper linking claims for the various species. On a finding that a generic claim is allowable, Applicants respectfully request examination of a reasonable number of additional species.

Conclusion

This response cancels 26 claims and adds 32 claims. It is believed this submission requires payment of excess claims fees for 6 additional dependent claims, for which the fees (as a small entity) total \$150. This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time of Three Months with fee in the amount of \$510 (as a small entity). Please debit Deposit Account No. 07-1969 in the amount of \$660 to pay the additional claims fee and extension of time fee. If this amount is incorrect, please debit any underpayment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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